

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring initially to Fig. 1, a semiconductor substrate is ~~indicated generally with reference numeral 10~~ shown. In the context of this document, the term "semiconductor substrate" or "semiconductive substrate" is defined to mean any construction comprising semiconductive material, including, but not limited to, bulk semiconductive materials such as a semiconductive wafer (either alone or in assemblies comprising other materials thereon), and semiconductive material layers (either alone or in assemblies comprising other materials). The term "substrate" refers to any supporting structure, including, but not limited to, the semiconductive substrates described above. Also in the context of this document, the term "layer" encompasses both the singular and the plural unless otherwise indicated.